

Reference is made to the following documents:

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- D1: 03/049456 A (Siemens Aktiengesellschaft; HOFFMANN, KLAUS; SABROWSKI, SVEN; STUPKA,) 12 June 2003 (2003-06-12)
- D2: 02/065787 A (Siemens Aktiengesellschaft; STUPKA, JEAN-MARIE; SABROWSKI, SVEN; HOFFM) 22 August 2002 (2002-08-22)
- D3: US 2003/227908 A1 (SCOGGINS SHWU-YAN CHANG ET AL) 11 December 2003 (2003-12-11)

1) **The object of claim 1 appears to be novel and inventive** (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

1.1) D1, which is seen as the closest prior art, discloses, in accordance with the following features of the **independent claim 1**:

- ◆ a method for negotiating bearer properties in communication networks, with Media Gateway Controllers and Media Gateways
- ◆ in which bearer properties are kept

1.2) The object of the claim 1 thus differs from that of the known document D1 in that reference lists with influenceable bearer properties are kept in the Media Gateway Controllers.

The **object of claim 1 is thus novel** (Article 33(2) PCT).

1.3) the **object to be achieved** by this additional feature is to offer the network operators the option of being able to negotiate specific bearer properties with a priority other than that predetermined by the Media Gateways.

1.4) This object is achieved by a reference list kept in the MGC.

1.5) None of the documents cited in the International Search Report discloses such a reference list that can be

influenced by the network operators.

The object of claim 1 is thus based on an inventive step
(Article 33(3) PCT).

- 2) The additional features of the independent claims relate to specific versions of the object of claim 1 and are likewise novel and inventive.